

**To: Public Health Committee Co-Chairs, Sen. Mary Ann Handley  
and Rep. Peggy Sayers**

**From: Brian Thibodeau, Bristol, CT**

**Re: S.B. 1 – An Act Increasing Access to Affordable, Quality  
Health Care**

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Good morning Sen. Handley, Rep. Sayers and members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Brian Thibodeau I am a UAW Local 712 member and live in Bristol, CT. I am here today to ask this committee to support health care reform that is universal, continuous, affordable, sustainable, high quality and comprehensive.

As I mentioned, I am a UAW member and have good health care coverage that my union fought for on my behalf. My brother on the other hand is not as fortunate, he does have health care coverage through his job but it cost him \$90 a week out of his pocket to cover his family. That is \$360 a month and \$4,320 a year just on health care coverage. There is something wrong with this picture, he has a good job but his employer can't afford to cover all of the employee's health care cost so my brother and his co-workers are left losing a big part of their paycheck just to health care. The health care system in Connecticut needs to be fixed.

I am asking all of you to support a health care plan that covers everyone in the state, is affordable, covers you even if you are unemployed or between jobs, good quality, that can sustain budget cuts and is comprehensive. The UAW supports a single payer universal health care plan and I agree, it is the most affordable plan for the state and makes the most sense. Thank you for your time.

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